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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein:  
the bus activity is an incoming message and the protocol controller unit is addressed by  
the incoming message; ~~in that the incoming message is compared with at least one~~  
~~reference message that is associated with the application and is stored in the protocol~~  
~~controller unit;~~ ~~in that if there is a correspondence and/or~~ match between the incoming  
message and the reference message, at least one acknowledgement goes to at least one  
the bus transceiver unit connected upstream of the user; ~~and in that the application,~~  
~~particularly at least one the application controller unit associated with the user, is~~  
~~activated by responsive to the transceiver unit.~~

3. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the  
application, particularly the application controller unit, ~~is only supplied with voltage if~~  
~~the incoming message and the reference message correspond and/or~~ match.

4. (Currently amended) A communication system transceiver unit ~~for carrying out a~~  
~~method as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that~~ wherein the bus transceiver unit is  
connected to the a data bus, is in communication with the protocol controller unit, and is  
in communication with the application controller unit.

5. (Currently amended) A communication system transceiver unit ~~as claimed in claim 4,~~  
~~characterized by comprising~~ at least one set of control logic that is associated with the  
bus transceiver unit and/or is implemented in the bus transceiver unit.

6. (Currently amended) A communication system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the data  
bus is a serial data bus, and wherein the power supply circuit comprises a ~~A~~ first voltage  
regulator that is connected to at least one battery unit and that is in communication with  
at least one the bus transceiver unit, in particular a transceiver unit as claimed in claim 4,

for supplying at least one ~~the~~ protocol controller unit which is associated with at least one user provided for carrying out at least one application, with voltage in the event of at least one incoming message that occurs on at least one ~~the~~ serial databus, in particular on at least one C[ontroller]A[rea]N[etwork] bus.

7. (Currently amended) The communication system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the power supply circuit comprises Aa second voltage regulator which is connected to at least one battery unit and which is in communication with at least one ~~the~~ bus transceiver unit, in particular a transceiver unit as claimed in claim 4, which second voltage regulator is intended to ~~supply~~supplies voltage to at least one ~~the~~ application controller unit, which is associated with at least one user provided for carrying out at least one application, in the event of a correspondence ~~and/or~~ match between at least one incoming message that occurs on at least one ~~the~~ serial data bus, in particular on at least one C[ontroller]A[rea]N[etwork] bus, and at least one reference message stored in at least one ~~the~~ protocol controller unit and associated with the application.

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16. (New) A communication system comprising:

a bus transceiver, a protocol controller coupled to the bus transceiver and an application controller coupled to the bus transceiver, the protocol controller and the application controller being turned off during a low power mode; and

a power supply circuit coupled to the bus transceiver;

wherein the bus transceiver in response to bus activity controls the power supply circuit to supply power to the protocol controller and, in response to a signal from the protocol controller, controlling the power supply circuit to supply power to the application controller when the bus activity is directed to the application controller as determined by the protocol controller.

17. (New) A communications method comprising:

a bus transceiver detecting bus activity;

the bus transceiver in response to the bus activity controlling a power supply circuit to supply power to a protocol controller; and

the bus transceiver, in response to a signal from the protocol controller, controlling the power supply circuit to supply power to an application controller when the bus activity is directed to the application controller as determined by the protocol controller